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1.TITLE OF THE LAB REPORT EXPERIMENT

Implement Graph Coloring Algorithm & Solve N-Queen problem Using Backtracking Algorithm.

2. OBJECTIVES

The objective of this experiment is to study and implement the backtracking algorithm for solving constraint satisfaction problems. This experiment aims to apply the backtracking technique to solve the Graph Coloring problem by assigning colors to vertices such that no two adjacent vertices have the same color. It also aims to solve the N-Queen problem by placing N queens on an $N \times N$ chessboard in such a way that no two queens attack each other. Through this experiment, the use of recursion, constraint checking, and systematic backtracking is understood.

3.PROCEDURE

Initially, the problem is analyzed to identify the constraints that must be satisfied. For the Graph Coloring problem, the graph is represented using an adjacency matrix, and all vertices are initially assigned no color. Colors are then assigned to vertices one by one using the backtracking approach. After assigning a color to a vertex, a constraint check is performed to ensure that no adjacent vertex has the same color. If a conflict occurs, the assigned color is removed and another color is tried. This process continues recursively until all vertices are colored or no valid solution exists.

For the N-Queen problem, an empty $N \times N$ chessboard is considered, and queens are placed column by column. For each column, every row is checked to determine whether placing a queen at that position is safe. The safety check ensures that no other queen exists in the same row or along the diagonals. If a safe position is found, the queen is placed and the algorithm proceeds to the next column. If no safe position is available in a column, the algorithm backtracks by removing the previously placed queen and tries an alternative position. This process continues until all queens are successfully placed on the board.

4.IMPLEMENTATION

4.1

7 Lab Exercise (Submit as a report)

- The N-queens puzzle is the problem of placing N queens on a ($N \times N$) chessboard such that no two queens can attack each other. Find all distinct solution to the N-queen problem.

– Hint: For $N = 4$ there are two possible solutions –

0	0	1	0
1	0	0	0
0	0	0	1
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Solution 1

0	1	0	0
0	0	0	1
1	0	0	0
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Solution 2

Answer:

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def is_safe(board, row, col, n):
    for i in range(col):
        if board[row][i] == 1:
            return False

    i, j = row, col
    while i >= 0 and j >= 0:
        if board[i][j] == 1:
            return False
        i -= 1
        j -= 1

    i, j = row, col
    while i < n and j >= 0:
        if board[i][j] == 1:
            return False
        i += 1
        j -= 1

    return True

def solve_nqueen_util(board, col, n):
    if col == n:
        return True

    for row in range(n):
        if is_safe(board, row, col, n):
            board[row][col] = 1
            if solve_nqueen_util(board, col + 1, n):
                return True
            board[row][col] = 0

    return False

def solve_nqueen(n):
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board = [[0 for _ in range(n)] for _ in range(n)]
if solve_nqueen_util(board, 0, n):
    for row in board:
        print(row)
else:
    print("No solution exists")

# Example
solve_nqueen(4)

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4.2

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Solution 2

Answer:

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def is_safe(row, col, pos):
    for r in range(row):
        c = pos[r]
        if c == col: # same column
            return False
        if abs(c - col) == abs(r - row): # diagonal clash
            return False
    return True

def build_matrix(pos, n):
    board = [[0] * n for _ in range(n)]
    for r in range(n):
        board[r][pos[r]] = 1

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return board

def solve_all_nqueens(n):
    pos = [-1] * n
    solutions = []

def backtrack(row):
    if row == n:
        solutions.append(build_matrix(pos, n))
        return
    for col in range(n):
        if is_safe(row, col, pos):
            pos[row] = col
            backtrack(row + 1)
            pos[row] = -1 # backtrack

backtrack(0)

# Print solutions in the required format
for idx, sol in enumerate(solutions, 1):
    print(f"Solution {idx}")
    for r in sol:
        print(" ".join(map(str, r)))
    print()

print("Total distinct solutions:", len(solutions))

# For the lab hint case:
solve_all_nqueens(4)

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5.TEST RESULT / OUTPUT

4 .1 : OUTPUT

The screenshot shows the PyCharm interface with the 'Run' tab selected. The terminal window displays four distinct solutions for the 4-queens problem, each represented as a list of four integers from 0 to 3, where each integer indicates the column index of a queen in a given row. The solutions are:

- [0, 0, 1, 0]
- [1, 0, 0, 0]
- [0, 0, 0, 1]
- [0, 1, 0, 0]

At the bottom of the terminal, the message "Process finished with exit code 0" is visible.

Figure: Result/ Output 4.1

4.2: OUTPUT

The screenshot shows a terminal window titled "Lab mannal 7 next part". The output displays two distinct solutions for a 4x4 chessboard, represented as binary matrices:

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0 0 1 0
1 0 0 0
0 0 0 1
0 1 0 0
```

Below the matrices, the terminal shows the total number of solutions and the exit code:

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Total distinct solutions: 2
Process finished with exit code 0
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The terminal interface includes standard icons for running, stopping, and navigating through previous outputs.

Figure: Result/Output 4.2

6.ANALYSIS AND DISCUSSION

The N-Queen problem is a classic example of a constraint satisfaction problem where a brute-force approach would require checking all possible arrangements of queens on the chessboard, resulting in extremely high computational cost. The backtracking algorithm significantly reduces this complexity by eliminating invalid solutions at an early stage through constraint checking. By placing queens one row at a time and verifying column and diagonal conflicts before proceeding further, the algorithm avoids unnecessary exploration of impossible configurations.

Although backtracking improves efficiency compared to brute force, the time complexity of the N-Queen problem remains exponential in nature, increasing rapidly as the value of N increases. For small values of N, such as N = 4, the algorithm performs efficiently and successfully generates all distinct solutions. However, as N grows larger, the number of recursive calls increases substantially, making the algorithm less practical without further optimization techniques such as heuristics or symmetry reduction. Despite this limitation, backtracking remains a reliable and systematic method for generating all valid solutions while maintaining correctness.

7.SUMMARY

In this experiment, the N-Queen problem was successfully solved using the backtracking algorithm. The algorithm systematically explored all possible placements of queens on an $N \times N$ chessboard while ensuring that no two queens attacked each other. By applying constraint checks at each step and using backtracking to discard invalid configurations, all distinct solutions for the given value of N were generated efficiently. This experiment demonstrated the effectiveness of backtracking in solving constraint satisfaction problems and highlighted its suitability for problems where exhaustive search with pruning is required.

